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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) A set of golf clubs as defined in claim 17, wherein at least one of said inserts has one of a thickness and density which varies from a bottom portion to a top portion thereof.

12. (Original) A set of golf clubs as defined in claim 11, wherein at least one of said inserts is thicker at the top than at the bottom.

13. (Original) A set of golf clubs as defined in claim 11, wherein at least one of said inserts is thicker at the bottom than at the top.

14. (Withdrawn) A set of golf clubs as defined in claim 17, wherein at least one of said inserts is formed of different materials from a bottom portion to a top portion thereof.

15. (Withdrawn) A set of golf clubs as defined in claim 14, wherein said material in said bottom portion is more dense than a material in said top portion.

16. (Withdrawn) A set of golf clubs as defined in claim 14, wherein said material in said top portion is more dense than a material in said bottom portion.

17. (Currently amended) A set of iron-type golf clubs including at least a long iron, a mid iron and a short iron having heads of progressively increasing loft, each of the heads comprising:

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(a) a body having top, bottom, toe and heel portions and a striking face area containing a recess; and

(b) an insert secured within said recess, an outer surface of said insert being substantially flush with a non-recessed portion of said striking face area, ~~and (c) at least one of the thickness and density of said inserts increasing within the set of golf clubs as the loft of a club increases and the other of the thickness and density of said inserts decreasing within the set of golf clubs as the loft of a club increases, whereby the mechanical properties of individual clubs within a set of clubs can be altered to enhance the performance of the clubs~~

wherein the long iron has a center of gravity located closer to the bottom portion of the body than that of the mid iron and the short iron, and wherein the short iron has a center of gravity located further from the bottom portion of the body than that of the mid iron.

18. (New) A set of golf clubs as defined in claim 17, wherein the long iron has a loft angle in the range of 16° to 24°, the mid iron has a loft angle in the range of 26° to 38°, and the short iron has a loft angle in the range of 42° to 60°.

19. (New) A set of golf clubs as defined in claim 17, wherein the center of gravity of the golf clubs moves progressively closer to the bottom portion of the body as the loft increases.

20. (New) A set of golf clubs as defined in claim 17, wherein the center of gravity of the golf clubs moves progressively forward as the loft increases.

21. (New) A set of golf clubs as defined in claim 17, wherein the long iron insert is composed of a titanium material, the mid iron insert is composed of a 17-4 steel material, and the short iron insert is composed of a 1030 carbon steel material.